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SUBJECT: HURRICANE FIFI - DISASTER RELIEF

1. CARE DIRECTOR JUST SHOWED ME LETTER HE HAD RECEIVED FROM GOB  
PLANT PATHOLOGIST, COMPLETE TEXT OF WHICH FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

ON 14TH JANUARY, 75 YOU TOOK ME TO LOOK AT SOME CORN YOU HAVE  
STORED AT THE MARKETING BOARD STOREHOUSE. THE FOLLOWING MORN-  
ING I WENT BACK TO THE MARKETING BOARD STOREHOUSE AND COLLECTED  
SAMPLES FROM SACKS THAT WERE FIVE AND SIX BAGS DEEP BELOW THE  
SURFACE BAGS.

THE CORN IS SEVERELY INFESTED WITH THE INDIAN MEAL MOTH "PLODIA  
INTERPUNCTALLA (HBN.)". THIS MOTH HAS A LIFE CYCLE OF 6 TO 8  
WEEKS IN WARM WEATHER. SINCE YOUR CORN HAS BEEN IN THE STORE-  
HOUSE FOR ONLY ABOUT TWO MONTHS, AND JUDGING FROM THE SEVERITY  
OF INFESTATION, IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THAT THE CORN WAS  
ALREADY INFESTED WHEN IT ARRIVED INTO BELIZE. THE SAMPLE FROM  
SIX LAYERS DOWN SHOWED EVIDENCE OF THE PEST.

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HOWEVER, ALTHOUGH THE INSECTS HAVE DONE SOME DAMAGE, IT MUST BE

NOTED THAT THE CORN INSPECTED IS FAIRLY OLD AND WOULD BE UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION EVEN WITHOUT THE INSECT DAMAGE. I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE SAFE TO UTILIZE THE CORN FOR LIVESTOCK FEED, BUT I WOULD REGARD IT UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

UNQUOTE

2. CARE DIRECTOR WAS INFORMED TODAY BY AUTHORIZED GOB SPOKESMAN THAT PREMIER PRICE HAD DECIDED NOT TO REQUEST REPLACEMENT OF THE INFESTED CORN. CARE PLANS TO DISPOSE OF IT BY SELLING IT FOR ANIMAL FEED. PROCEEDS TO U.S. TREASURER.

3. COMMENT: CORN ARRIVED IN BELIZE IN TWO SHIPMENTS, RESPECTIVELY FOURTEEN AND TWELVE WEEKS AGO. HENCE, ORIGIN OF INFESTATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO ME TO BE AS DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED AS LETTER FROM GOB PATHOLOGIST WOULD LEAD ONE TO BELIEVE. MEDICAL REPORT EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE SHORTLY. WILL CABLE FINDING.  
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